



Providing Pathways to End Youth Homelessness

2015 Annual Report

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Letter from the Board Chair

As I think about all that has happened at HOPE 4 Youth this past year, I am once again humbled by the support and impact our community has provided for the lives of young people who are experiencing homelessness or are at-risk of becoming homeless. When we started HOPE 4 Youth nearly four years ago, I never dreamt that this support would have moved the organization from a start-up to an adolescent one so quickly, putting us where we are today.

This growth has allowed HOPE 4 Youth to do more than ever before. Last year, we recorded 8,352 visits to our Drop-In Center by 369 youth. That means that in one year we increased the number of youth we served by almost 9%. This means that we are reaching young people and providing them with opportunities, resources, and guidance.

We also decided that the timing was right to move forward on the next step in our plans to tackle youth homelessness - providing young people a safe place to lay their head at night. We did our planning and received approval to purchase a building in Coon Rapids that will serve as HOPE Place, our new transitional living facility.

It is an exciting time at HOPE 4 Youth as we are seeing the difference that our services and resources make in the lives of the youth. We cannot, however, continue to further our mission without our community of supporters. I encourage you to stay engaged with us so we can ultimately end youth homelessness in the northern suburbs.

Thank you!
Brian Swanson, Board Chair



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HOPE 4 Youth, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization located in Anoka, Minnesota, meets the basic needs of young people (ages 23 and under) experiencing homelessness and those at-risk of becoming homeless in the north metro Twin Cities including all of Anoka County and parts of Hennepin County.

On any given night in Minnesota, more than 4,000 young people are homeless. We work hard to change the life trajectories of the youth who walk through our Drop-In Center door. Whether they need basic necessities – food from the food pantry, clothes from the clothing closets, a hot shower, a hot, nutritious meal or personal hygiene items – or help finding housing, securing employment, finishing their education or assistance with health referrals, we help put them on a path that allows them to leave their title of “homeless” in the past.

On behalf of the young people who walk through our door, the staff and the Board of Directors, we want to thank you for your support of HOPE 4 Youth.

*A list of 2015 donors can be found in the digital copy at HOPE4YouthMn.org.

HOPE Place: Our New Transitional Housing

On October 6, 2015, the Coon Rapids City Council brought us one step closer to our goal of ending youth homelessness by approving our request to fully remodel a building into HOPE Place, a transitional living facility for homeless young people.

Twelve young people, at any one time, will call HOPE Place “home.” These young people will work to gain the skills needed to become independent adults who walk-out the doors of HOPE Place with a new title of Bank Teller, Personal Trainer or Certified Nursing Assistant - whatever they dream to be!

The first 12 young people will move into their new “home” when the doors of HOPE Place open in the Fall of 2016.

We Focus On HOPE



Housing

We provide resources that link young people to all housing options (shelter, transitional, affordable, etc.).



Outreach

We meet young people out in the community and provide them with basic items as well as referrals to resources.



Prevention

We partner with service providers to connect youth to prevention services.



Education

We offer educational opportunities to the youth, volunteers who support them and the entire community.

Donations Center

The young people who visited the Drop-In Center had access to food, clothing, personal hygiene items and more thanks to the generosity of the community who donated these items at our Donations Center.

The team of volunteers who managed the Donations Center brought in nearly **39 tons** of donations. This included 35,621 pounds of food, 11,579 pounds of clothing and 7,367 pounds of hygiene. Thank you!

Volunteers: The Backbone of HOPE 4 Youth

Volunteers are the reason that we are able to put the young people on a path to a successful future. Whether they are serving as Drop-In Center Mentors, providing a hot-meal, managing our Donations Center, leading fundraisers or furthering our mission as a Board Member, 395 volunteers contributed 16,765 hours to transforming the lives of the young people we served in 2015. Words cannot adequately describe our appreciation for every one of you. Thank you for all that you do!

“I like being part of a group that is helping youth in our community gain independence, find jobs, locate housing and become well-adjusted contributing members of our society.”
– Kim, HOPE 4 Youth Volunteer

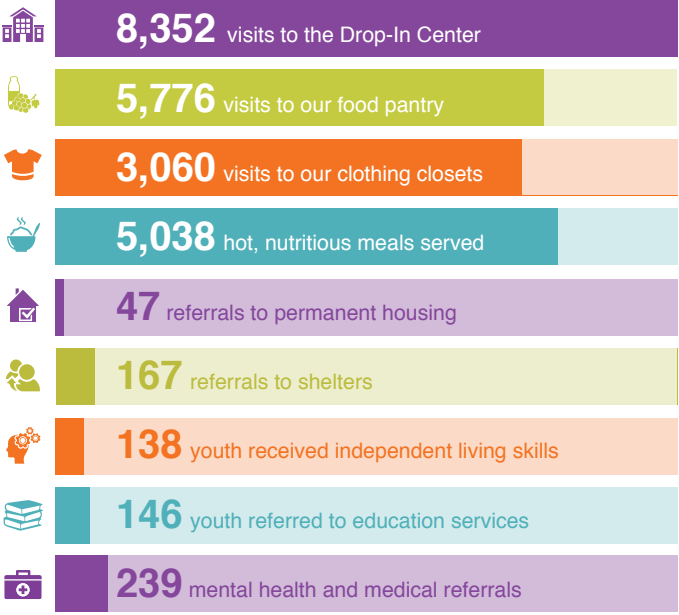
“Thanks Stranger”

I could’ve given this to many
But you stuck out to me
I do not own a single penny
This pen and paper was even free
I gave this to you because I knew you were kind
I’ve waited for you but I’ve taken my sweet time
The time has come and I’m finally sure
That you’re the only one who gets to read these words
Thanks for going the extra mile just to make another smile
And I wish my gift possessed more worth
Than a stranger’s opinion who has no place on this earth
But writing this poem was the least I could do
For meeting someone as special and unique as you.

- A youth who visited the Drop-In Center

2015 By the Numbers

In 2015, 369 homeless youth walked through our Drop-In Center doors in need of resources and services:



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Insurance Specialists Team Agency, LLC.
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Kingswood Church
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Northgate Church
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PAE Sales Inc
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Strategic Consulting & Coaching LLC
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Ward, Kim
Welle, Jacqueline
Wells, Mary
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Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Mission

Providing pathways to end youth homelessness.

Vision

That all youth will feel safe, valued, and supported while reaching their full potential. This begins with meeting their basic needs and leads to giving them tools to thrive.

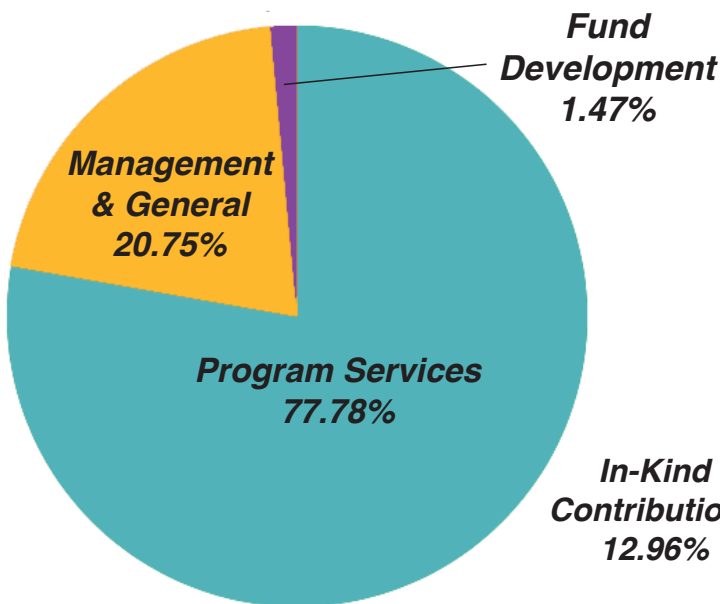
Goal

To end youth homelessness in Anoka County by 2024.

2015 Financial Statement

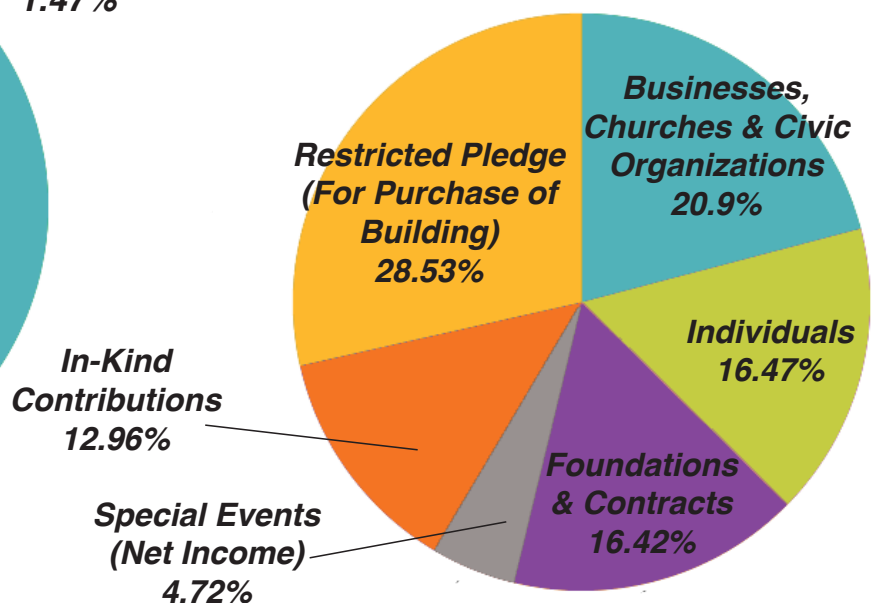
Allocation of Expenses

Total: \$664,380



Sources of Revenue

Total: \$1,419,344



*As reported in 2015 IRS 990